

Appl. No. 10/092,427
Amendment dated: July 28, 2004
Reply to OA of: June 3, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this office action. Applicants have made every effort to place the application in condition for early allowance by amending the claims as suggested in the Official Action. The Examiner's helpful comments are very much appreciated.

Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the invention taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action. The Examiner's objection to claims 4 and 5 because of informalities has been carefully considered as have the rejection of these claims under 35 USC 112. Applicants have amended claim 4 to insert the word "film" between "resist" and "has" and also to change "the bottom face" to "a bottom face" as required by the Examiner and replaced has with, "with". Accordingly, the objection to claim 4 has been clearly obviated and it is most respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the office action of January 7, 2004, paragraph 13. Claims 1 and 9 are rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the amendments to the claims.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 in order to more particularly define the invention in accordance with the helpful suggestions in the Official Action. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification as originally filed and the claims now are in full compliance with 35 USC 112 and are clearly patentable over the prior art of record as appreciated in the Official Action by the indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 9 has been amended to be made dependent on claim 3 and to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants have made every effort to place the application in condition for allowance by following the Examiner's helpful suggestions. If the Examiner believes

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that additional changes are necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to work out any further changes in an effort to expedite the prosecution to an early allowance.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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